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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the following preliminary amendment be made to the *Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment* in the foregoing application which was filed on January 16, 2004.

On page 13, line 13, kindly add the following:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 7 day of October, 2004, with adequate postage affixed thereto.

Yet another alternative embodiment of the present invention is shown generally as (116) in Fig. 9. The erosion control transition mat (116) is provided in a roll (114) and is laid over the transition between soft armor (14) and the soil (120). As shown, the mat (116) is provided with a plurality of holes (118) and is secured into place by a plurality of pins (122) passing through the mat (116) into the soil (120).